



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1763
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07553.0017

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Mitsuru ISHIKAWA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1763
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Application No.: 09/696,232)	Examiner: A. Olsen
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Filed: October 26, 2000)	Confirmation No.: 5127
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 7, 2005, the period for response having been extended to March 7, 2006, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.